



The business case for food waste recycling

This section provides key points that could help inform your thinking if you need to put together a 'business case' for starting food waste recycling.

Business benefits

- Costs
 - Potential reduction in waste management costs
Use the [cost calculator tool](#) to estimate cost and environmental impacts for your business
 - Possible reduction in the amount of food waste generated (through improved staff awareness and stock control)
- Environmental benefits
Recycling your food waste [benefits the environment](#): less waste goes to landfill and food waste is turned into useful product(s).
- Business reputation
This can be enhanced by recycling your food waste and can be used as a positive PR tool to promote to customers.
- Operational
Helps to identify where and when most of the food waste occurs. Weight information provided back by the collection company can be a valuable tool in improving menu-planning and stock control. Steps can be put in place to reduce the amount of food wasted and measure financial savings.

What happens if we don't recycle our food waste?

- Total waste management costs will rise over time due to landfill tax increasing.
- We will not see clearly how much food waste is being thrown away and [how we might be able](#) to reduce it.
- Food waste from our business will continue to contribute to harmful greenhouse gas emissions in landfill.
- As customers and staff become increasingly conscientious about waste and recycling at home and at work, we may be perceived as out of touch.